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ACTING HANDS COMING UNDER THE PURVIEW OF STAFF SELECTION BOARD—LIST OF.

309. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to publish in the Government Gazette a list of acting hands (both thrown-out and in service) that come under the purview of the Staff Selection Board with their names and the period served by each of them?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Government do not think that the purpose served by publishing a list of acting hands in the Gazette is commensurate with the time and labour involved in such publication. A list of acting hands with their services till 17th Meenam 1113 is, however, placed on the Council Table.

RAILWAY MATERIALS—DISPOSAL OF.

310. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will the Government be pleased to state: —

(*a*) whether the rails of the metre-gauge of the Cochin State Railway have been sold;

(*b*) if not, what has been done with them;

(*c*) if they have been sold, to whom, and what amount Government has realised in the transaction?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

(*c*) A portion of the rails was sold to the South Indian Railway Company, a portion was taken by the State Tramway Department and the rest sold to private tenderers. The total amount realised by the sale of rails and fastenings together is Rs. 1,37,687—9—9 (inclusive of the value of the rails and fastenings taken by the State Tramway Department *viz.*, Rs. 88,997—15—0). Separate figures for credit value realised on rails alone are not available.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Who sold these rails—the Government or the Railway Company?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The Railway Company.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Those that are required for the Government were taken at the instance of the Tramway Engineer.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Does it mean that the South Indian Railway Company purchased them for themselves?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): There are definite formulae by which the value of the rails and the railway materials have been worked out. The Government of India have framed the formulae for all the various types of Railway materials. On those principles the Railway Company fixes the price, whether they take it themselves or sell it over.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Did the Government try to see whether the rails belonging to the Government could be sold by advertising?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Certain materials were sold like that. But it is not possible to undertake it always.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): It is not a question of undertaking. May I know whether the Government did really attempt it?

Mr. President: Yes. The original practice was for the South Indian Railway Company themselves to make the request for the unwanted materials, but later on we changed the practice. We ourselves called for sealed tenders and then we accepted them.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether the new practice did bring in more money than the formulae worked out by the South Indian Railway Company?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): May I know whether the price fixed by the Tramway Department was the same as those taken by the South Indian Railway Company? Was there any difference between the two?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): I want notice.

LAND-LORDS IN MATTANCHERI—AGGRESSIVENESS ON THE PART OF—PRESS REPORT REGARDING.

311. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact that the supporters of the successful candidate for Ward No. 19, in the Mattancheri Municipality, are taking steps for ejecting from their land, persons who have openly voted against them;

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